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STATS

Emergency Services Programs	1,763
Field Programs	1,104
SPS	404
CDs	214
Seminars	41

Students by Programs	33,340
FPS	22,194
SPS	6,118
CDs	3,491
Seminars	1,537

Student Hours by Program	881,923
FPS	743,822
SPS	116,618
CDs	12,088
Seminars	9,395

Students by Discipline	33,340
Fire	8,234
EMS	6,366
ALS	1,191
Rescue	2,284
Management	3,215
Haz Mat	3,187
TER/NIMS	1,688
CDs	3,491
Seminar	2,956

Outside Organizations Review MFRI Courses for Certification, College Credit

MFRI welcomed the review team from the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) on behalf of the Maryland Fire Service Personnel Qualifications Board (MFSPQB) in July 2008. The IFSAC representatives reviewed nine levels of classes for reaccreditation and 15 new levels for initial accreditation.

MFRI also hosted seven representatives of the American Council on Education (ACE) to review 26 MFRI courses. The representatives reviewed each course to determine whether each course was worthy of college-level credit. Currently MFRI has ACE equivalency recommendations for 76 of its classes.

25th Anniversary of Maryland Weekend at the NFA

Maryland Weekend was held February 20-22, 2009 at the National Fire Academy (NFA) in Emmitsburg, Maryland for the 25th time. As the 160 students and 7 instructors gathered Friday evening, a special presentation was made by MFRI Director Steve Edwards to NFA Superintendent Dr. Denis Onieal and Maryland Weekend Coordinator Wayne Colburn recognizing his 18 years as coordinator.

NERTC

The construction of the new MFRI North East Regional Training Center is of the utmost importance to the continued educational success of fire, rescue, and EMS students in this region consisting of Cecil County, Harford County, Baltimore County, and Baltimore City. The Maryland General Assembly-approved 2010 Capital Budget includes \$8.3 million in funding to move ahead with the NERTC project and to stay on schedule with this important project. Completion is scheduled for the spring of 2011 and the center will be relocated on Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Research and Development

The Center for Firefighter Safety Research and Development has been awarded federal grant funds through the 2007 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program which will support the ongoing development of the TRX Sentinel, a tracking system for first responders in GPS-denied environments.

Accurately tracking first responders during an emergency mission is critical to ensuring the safety of personnel and rescue victims and providing for efficient and timely rescue. The TRX Sentinel locator and tracking system is a groundbreaking new technology under development to advance firefighter tracking systems to the next level by taking the concept of a global positioning system (GPS) and bringing it indoors.

NEW CLASS OFFERINGS

- Life Safety Code
- HazMat Incident Commander
- Evacuation and Trench Awareness
- Fire Investigator
- Incipient Industrial Fire Brigade Member
- Basic Overview of Fire Suppression Systems
- Inspection, Testing, Maintenance of Water-based Extinguishing Systems
- Disaster Emergency Management and Business Continuity
- Fire Department Safety Officer
- Engine Company Fireground Operations
- EMS Officer

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